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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY.

ALL are invited to receive the bread and the wine. Please know that at CELC this common meal is for all who feel moved to receive. This sacrament is God's gift to all, and is not tied to membership, doctrine or creed.

Midweek Lenten Service

Service of Word, Music, & Sacrament

The Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[For our responsive prayer and psalm, men will lead the reading and women respond by reading the bolded words]

CALL TO WORSHIP:

"IN SILENCE WE WAIT"

$\text{♩} = 90 - 96$

In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you

come to us; bring us your light.

GATHERING

Let us pray.

Into our darkness, doubt, and despair,
come, Christ Jesus, be our light.

Into our sorrow, sickness, and grief,
come, Christ Jesus, be our comfort.

Into each conflict, division, and war,
come, Christ Jesus, be our peace.

Into this wounded world,
come, Christ Jesus, be our hope.

When we call to you, hear our cry.

Do not abandon us, but draw near.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our life. Amen.

SONG OF THE NIGHT

“LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED”

Text and Music by Rolf Vegdahl, based on John 13:27

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, and chords are indicated below the lyrics. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first line of the song. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line, which includes a repeat sign and a 'Last time' section.

Let not your hearts be trou-bled. Be not a -
E♭ A♭/F A♭ B♭ E♭/G A♭

fraid. Heav - en and earth have been gath - ered.
E♭sus/B♭ E♭ A♭/F A♭ B♭

To repeat Last time
Be not a - afraid. afraid.
A♭ B♭ E♭ A♭/E♭ E♭

PSALM - Psalm 94

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
Hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.

Refrain - Assembly

Bring your best to our worst, bring your peace to our

D A/C# D/B

pain. God of love, heal your people.

D/A D/F# G^{M7} G G^{M7}/E G^{sus}/A A (D)

Verse - Leader

Refrain

That none who cry a-loud may cry out in vain: Bring your

A^{sus}/F G G/E D/F# m/G A

Verses

That those who live in fear may never walk alone:
 That those who are near death may see the light of day:
 That those who live with guilt may find themselves forgiv'n:
 That those who live with doubt may find a deeper faith:
 That those who live in brokenness may know they will be whole:

Additional verses ad lib.

For the healing of creation, that it may be renewed:
 That the leaders of the nations may walk the road of peace:

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS *GREGORY THE GREAT; PATRICK; OSCAR ROMERO*

This week's commemorations — Patrick and Oscar Romero.

Oscar Romero was martyred while celebrating mass in 1980. Archbishop Romero was an outspoken critic of the government corruption, military abuse, and oppression of the people of his native El Salvador. He was convinced that the heart of the gospel is centered on God's compassion for the poor and the liberation of all people. Patrick was a missionary to Ireland. Called by God to carry the good news of Jesus to the Irish, he became one of the founders of the great Celtic tradition of Christianity. In Joseph we see how the holy family became refugees at the hands of a tyrant ruler. In our baptism we pledge to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. We join with all the saints in hearing God's call and working for justice for all people.

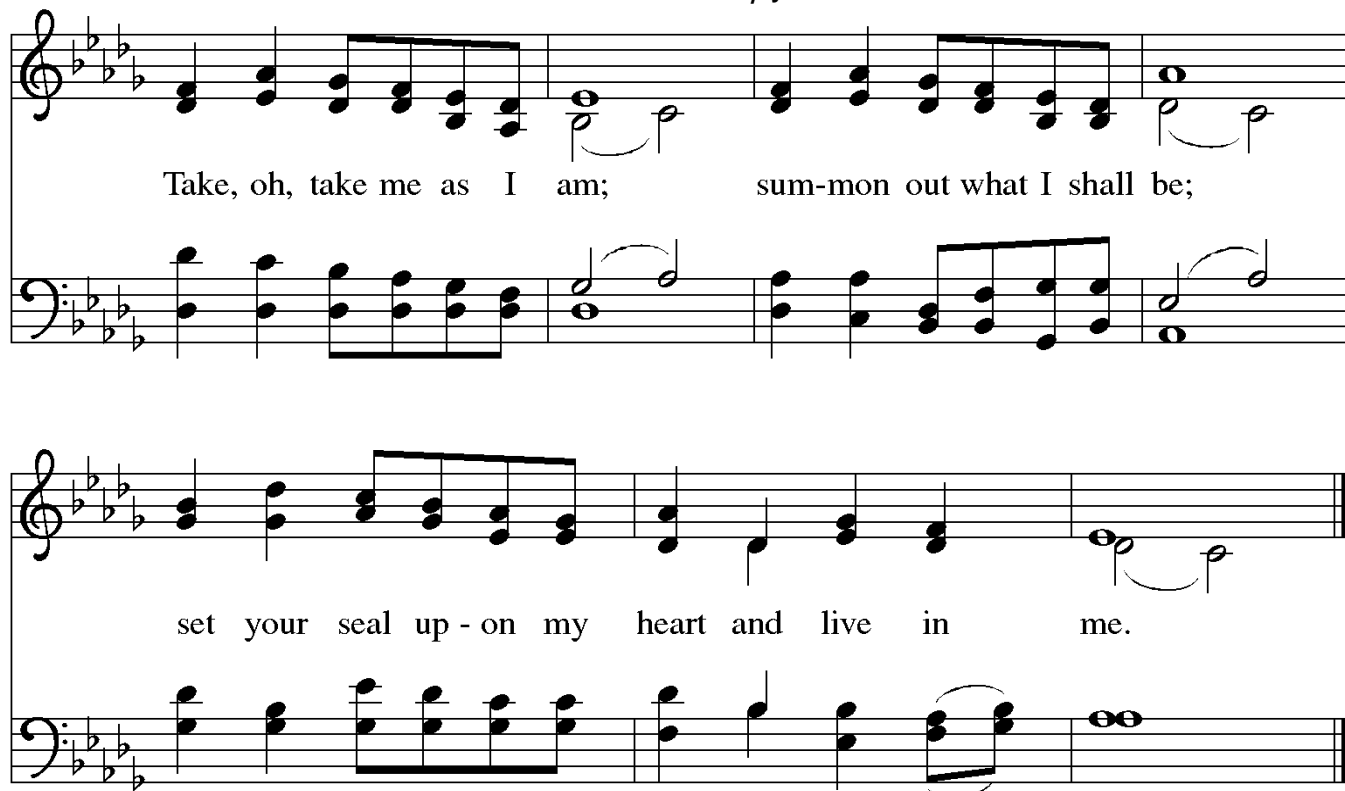
PRAYER

The Meal

OFFERTORY / OFFERTORY MUSIC

"TAKE OH, TAKE ME AS I AM"

Text and Music by John Bell



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.
Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring,
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus,
your Son, who reached out
to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks...

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion
we may know the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG : *"ONLY YOU, O GOD"* Text by Susan Briehl; Music: African American Spiritual

Refrain

On-ly you, O God, and you a-lone, the bro - ken heart con - sole.

On-ly you, O God, and you a-lone, the wound - ed world make whole.

1 O God, our rock and ha - ven, our strong-hold, safe and sure,
2 You guard us, faith - ful fa - ther, with - in your shelt - 'ring palm;
3 We pray, do not a - ban - don the ones you call your own;

though earth be torn and sha-ken, in you we stand se - cure.
you nurse us, lov - ing moth - er, with milk and heal - ing balm.
our com - fort and com - pan-ion, we trust in you a - lone.

Refrain

P I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I
ask you too forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to
protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all
that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

The Sending

CLOSING PRAYER

P Let us pray.
Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done;
what has not been done; let it be.
The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness,
of the world, and of our lives rest in you.
The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new
possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG:

“SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT” (NEXT PAGE)

Text and Music by Marty Haugen

P Almighty God bless us, keep us, and grant us peace.
Amen.

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2

Send forth your Spir - it, O God; send

A/D D G/D A/D

3

forth your Spir-it, O God, and re - new the earth, re -

D G/D A/D D G/D A/D

new the earth; send forth your Spir-it, O God.

D G/D A/C# D G/D A/D D G/D

* May be sung in canon.

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